

Believe

Shirley chose to remember two stories that her grandfather told her. The first story is Whispy Whiskers in this story an man's beautiful stallion runs away and all the neighbors were certain this was a sign of his ill fortune. He believes that he will come back and he comes back leading a herd of horses. In the Fitial Daughter I think that she believes that she can be in both places with her family and with the fisherman. So she is able to split into two people and be at both places at once.

In the story Child of Calamity an old woman has the worst of luck and it never gets better. In the end she gives up. This story is a counterexample of believing in yourself. You should never give up because it never helps. Shirley could have used this story when she was trying to fit in with her class.

In the story The Changeling a band of ghosts capture a wife's husband and turn him into an ape. The wife never gave up when all of the villagers told her that he ran away but she believe that he would never leave her. Even more when they returned him to her she still had to believe that he would turn back into a human. If the wife would have not believed in all of those things she might have lost hope and not tried to save him. This could be good for Shirley when she was moving away that she believes america would be a good place not like how the House of Wong described it.

The Butterfly Man is about two brothers who go back to their village and they see an old beggar. The old beggar told them that they should put this blade of grass on their mouth and suck on it to be safe. The older brother listens to the old beggar and lives. But the younger brother does not and he dies. The older brother is wise and believes in the old beggar and he lives. This is good for shirley when she is going to the cigarette store for her to believe in her memory on how to get there.

The last story in my believe section is Breakers Bridge. In this story the best bridge maker in the land is sent to build an impossible bridge but he believes he can do it. With a time limit the task seems like it can't be done. But he still believes and wit a little help from an old wise beggars pebbles he gets the bridge done before time runs out. This story would help shirley when she is meeting jackie robinson to believe in herself that she will mot mess-up and say something wrong in front of her hero.